

# Sacramento River Bank Protection Project

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## About the SRBPP

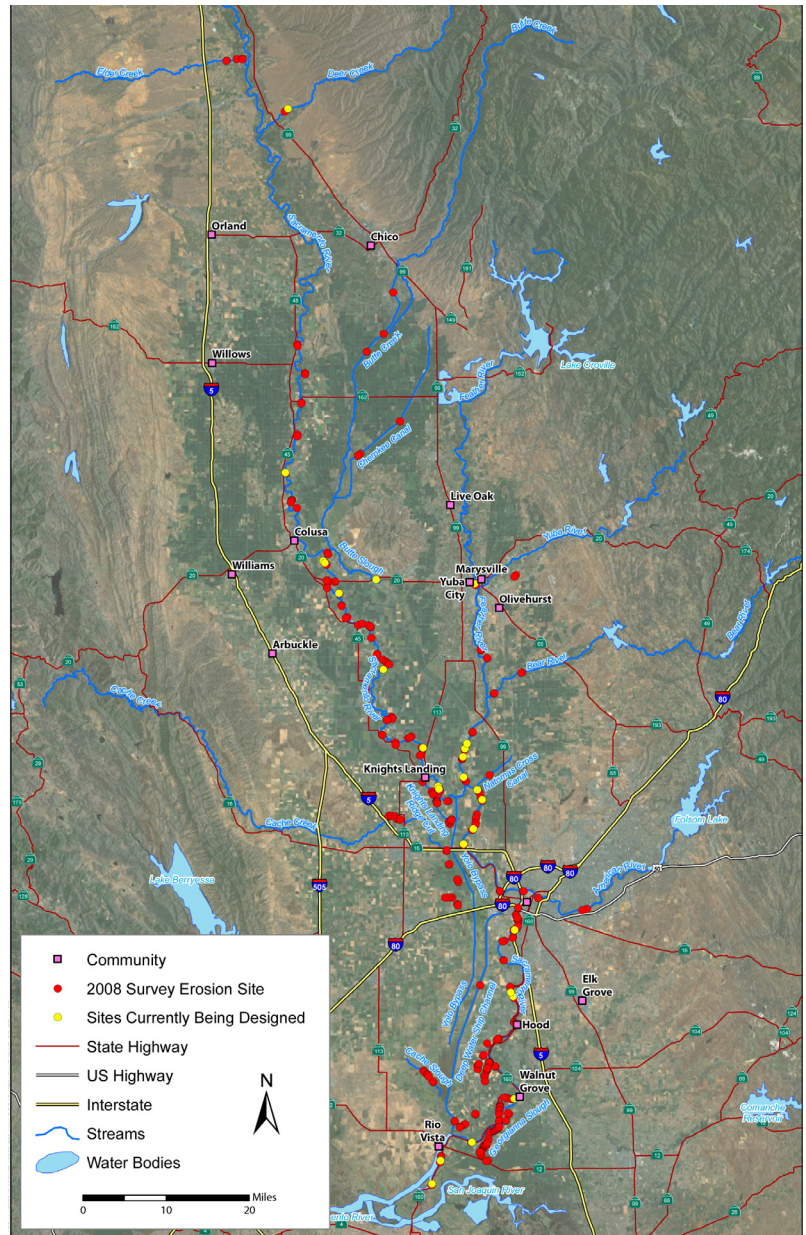
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (Corps) is responsible for implementation of the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project (SRBPP) in conjunction with its non-Federal partner, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB). The SRBPP is a continuing construction project authorized by Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1960. The purpose of this project is to provide protection to the existing levee and flood control facilities of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project (SRFCP). To date, work has been carried out in two phases, with a total of about 820,000 feet of river stabilized under the project. Phase I consisted of 435,000 feet and Phase II's original authorization included 405,000 feet. Current SRBPP work is being conducted under Phase II of its existing federal authorization, with approximately 14,000 feet remaining to be constructed in 2009/10.

## Phase II Supplemental Authorization

An additional 80,000 linear feet of bank protection was authorized by the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007 and added to Phase II, increasing the Phase II authorization to 485,000 feet. The Corps and CVFPB are in the process of preparing an environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) for the supplemental authorization. Public scoping meetings were held in February 2009 to receive feedback on the scope of the project and the EIS/EIR. A Draft EIS/EIR is expected to be released in November 2010.

## Phase III Development & Schedule

Implementation of Phase III will be critical to ensure project levees seriously threatened by erosion will continue to receive corrective measures to prevent levee failure and catastrophic damage and possible loss of life. Planning and development of Phase III recently began and is expected to be completed in 2013. Following this date, the next step would be project approval and implementation.



## Phase III Development & Schedule (cont'd)

The Corps and CVFPB expect the Phase III planning process to be a thorough reassessment of the long range needs of the SRFCP driven by research, detailed analysis, collaborative planning processes and stakeholder involvement. Phase III will provide the opportunity to consider multiple objectives, not only controlling bank erosion, but also addressing other threats to the flood risk management system, such as through-seepage, underseepage, and levee height deficiencies while providing ecosystem restoration.

Phase III will be executed through a General Reevaluation Report fully compliant with Corps policy and supported by numerous system-wide studies including the following:

- Comprehensive sediment study
- Thorough economic analysis
- Continued biological studies & monitoring
- Comprehensive Cultural Resource survey
- Detailed real estate plan
- Updated mitigation site inventory and needs assessment

Informational workshops to discuss Phase III planning efforts will be scheduled for the summer of 2009.

## Project Coordination

The Sacramento River Watershed is complex in its numerous water resource efforts including many flood risk management, water supply, ecosystem restoration projects and programs. In order to ensure future SRBPP activities are integrated as much as possible with these efforts, the Corps and the CVFPB are committed to working closely with the responsible agencies and stakeholder groups and coordinating activities to the fullest extent possible. Specifically, the SRBPP will be implemented consistent with the Department of Water Resources draft FloodSAFE Strategic Plan. The Study will also be coordinated closely with the Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program, the Levee Evaluation Programs, and other river partners. Public engagement related to the SRBPP, to the extent feasible, will be coordinated through or in concert with the public engagement process of the Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program.

## For More Information

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